

**ALSO BEFORE THE COURT** is Petitioner's court-appointed counsel's Motion to Withdraw as Counsel. (Doc. No. 4). Local Civil Rule 83.1(f) requires that counsel seeking to withdraw either file written consent of the client or show good cause for the withdrawal. W.D.N.C. Loc. Civ. R. 83.1(f). Counsel for Petitioner has not filed written consent of the client to the withdrawal. Nor has counsel provided a reason for seeking to withdraw. Consequently,

the Court shall deny the Motion to Withdraw as Counsel, without prejudice, because it does not comply with the requirements of Local Civil Rule 83.1(f).

**IT IS, THEREFORE, ORDERED** that:

1. The Government's Motion to hold this action in abeyance (Doc. No. 3) is **DISMISSED** as moot;
2. The Order requiring the Government to respond to Petitioner's § 2255 Motion (Doc. No. 2) is **VACATED**; and
3. The Motion to Withdraw as Counsel (Doc. No. 4) is **DENIED without prejudice**.

Signed: June 1, 2017

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Robert J. Conrad, Jr.", written over a horizontal line.

Robert J. Conrad, Jr.  
United States District Judge

